



## **MEDIA ADVISORY: SWEARING-IN FOR NEW SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE**

Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019 (Halifax, NS) – Members of the media are invited to attend the swearing-in ceremony for The Honourable Deborah K. Smith, the new Chief Justice of the Nova Scotia Supreme Court. The ceremony will also welcome The Honourable Samuel Moreau, a former Family Court judge recently appointed to the Supreme Court – Family Division.

**When:** 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 6, 2019

**Where:** Courtroom 501, The Law Courts, 1815 Upper Water St., Halifax

All attendees, including media, are asked to arrive by 2:45 p.m. As per the [Guidelines for Media & Public Access to the Courts](#), video cameras and still photography will be permitted inside the courtroom during the ceremony; however, depending on space, media may be restricted to one area and not permitted to move around the room.

Please note that neither judge will do media interviews at this time. Members of the media are free to publish or broadcast any or all the Chief Justice's or Justice Moreau's remarks during the ceremony.

Chief Justice Deborah K. Smith is only the second woman in the province's history to hold the title of Chief Justice. The first was The Honourable Constance R. Glube, who was appointed Chief Justice of the Trial Division in 1982, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in 1993, and Chief Justice of Nova Scotia in 1998.

Chief Justice Smith is a graduate of Dalhousie Law School and was admitted to the Nova Scotia Bar in 1984. She was first appointed to the Bench in 2001 and had served as the Associate Chief Justice of the Supreme Court since December 2004. She was appointed Chief Justice on June 24, 2019.

Justice Samuel Moreau was first appointed to the Bench as a Judge of the Provincial and Family Courts on March 31, 2017. At the time, he was a managing lawyer with Nova Scotia Legal Aid in Port Hawkesbury. Justice Moreau presided primarily in Family Court in Amherst until his appointment to the Supreme Court on June 24, 2019.

A copy of both the Chief Justice's and Justice Moreau's complete bios and headshots are attached to this email. For more information on the Nova Scotia Judiciary and the Courts, please visit [www.courts.ns.ca](http://www.courts.ns.ca).

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